

2001 Durango Interagency Dispatch Center Annual Report



The San Juans - 2001

The Durango Dispatch Center Area experienced a relatively quiet season. Wildfire activity within the area was a bit below average but large fire occurrence was significantly low. DRC mobilized our local IMT3, three times in 2001. We can attribute this to the moderate weather of the 2001 season and the additional fire resources, which have increased our response capabilities.

The area did experience a short hot, dry spell from late June through early August. Local units were able to accomplish their prescribed fire targets and fuel reduction projects. The seasons weather allowed a couple of the national forest districts to take advantage of WFU opportunities. Although the DRC area had lower than normal fire activity, the area resources (overhead, crews, and helicopters) were actively involved in supporting fire activity across the nation.

The 2001 DRC Annual report contents are:

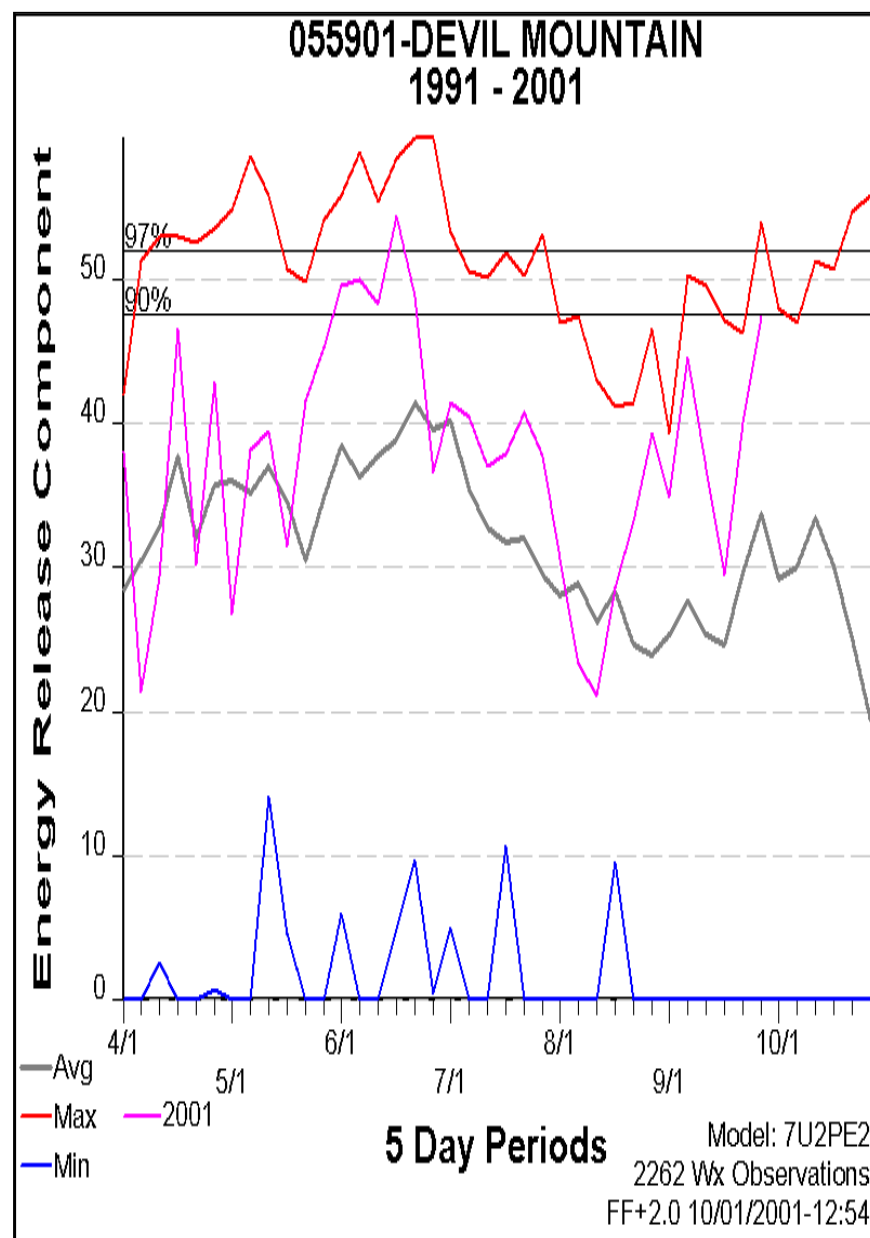
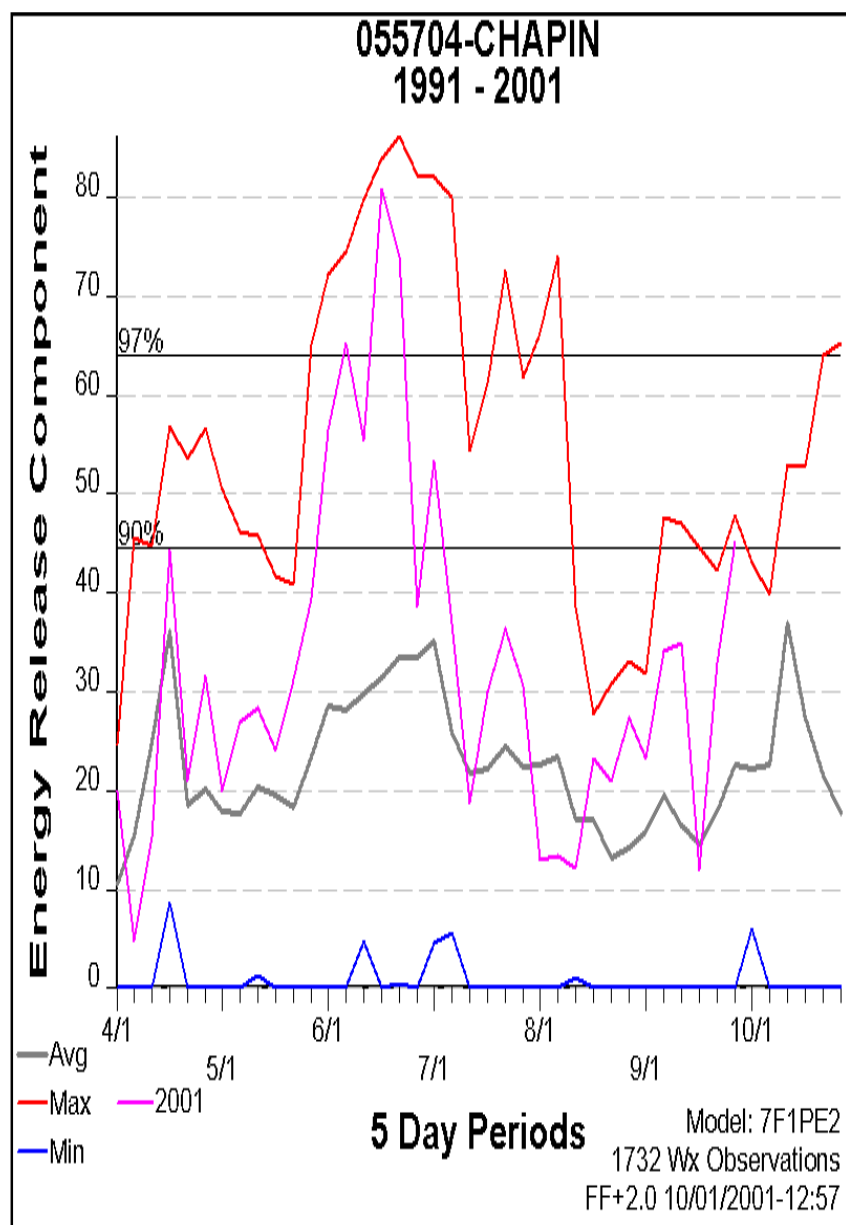
FIRE STATISTICAL INFORMATION

RESOURCE INFORMATION

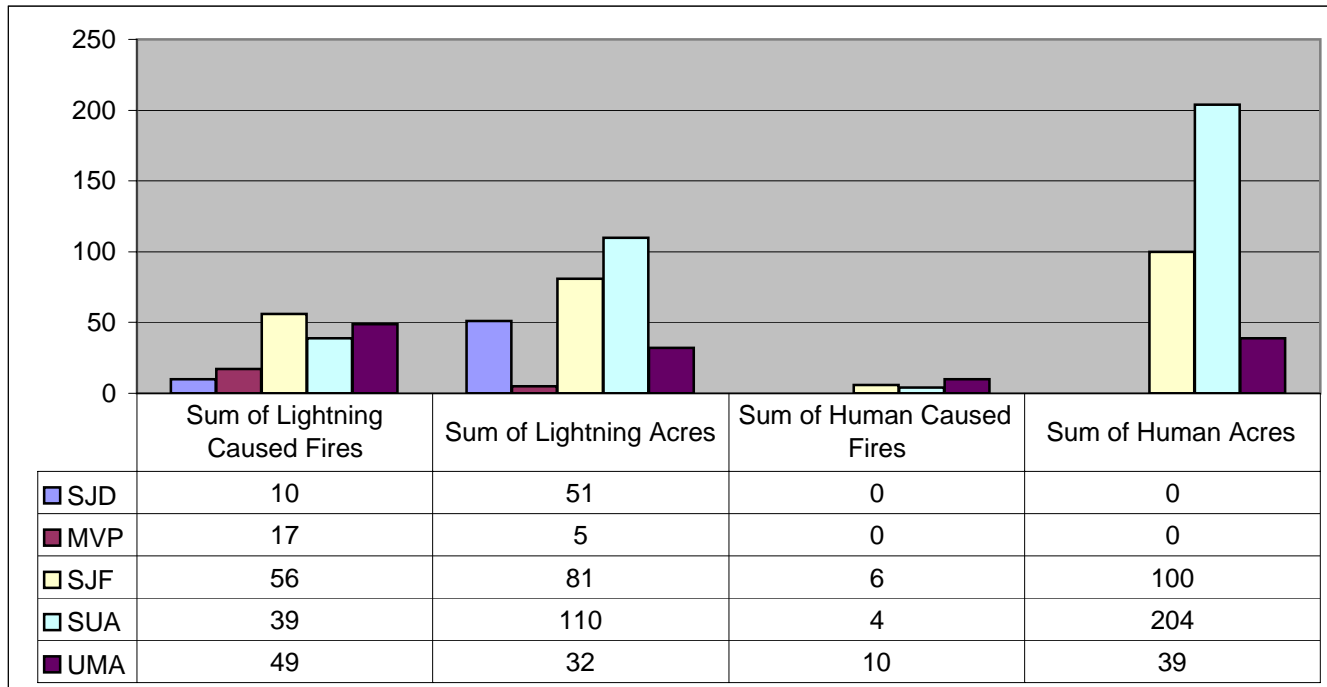
RESOURCE MOBILIZATION INFORMATION



Bircher Fire at Mesa Verde NP - July 23, 2000



2001 DRC Area Interagency Fire Statistics



Wildfires on the Durango Dispatch Area's federal units, by November 1st of 2001, has totaled 191 wildfires consuming approximately 622 acres.

(Totals - Lightning 171 / 279ac.; Human 20 / 343 ac.)

The counties in the area calculate approximately 156 wildfires for 171 acres.

Wildland Fire Use (WFU) occurrence was primarily on the San Juan Public Lands where we had 12 WFU's for which burned approximately 613 acres.

Prescribed Fire Activity is on-going, however to date, DRC area units report a total of 11 fires totaling 6,360 acres.

5 - Year Fire Statistics - Overall 2001 was a below average year for fires and acres.

1997

UNIT	Lightning Cause	Lightning Acres	Human Caused	Human Acres
BLM	7	6	0	0
MVP	9	1	1	0
SJF	40	69	8	6
SUA	23	5	1	0
UMA	13	3	53	490
TOTALS	92	84	63	496

2000

UNIT	Lightning Cause	Lightning Acres	Human Caused	Human Acres
BLM	29	1377	0	0
MVP	27	20707	0	0
SJF	156	112	11	29
SUA	115	563	8	85
UMA	66	3959	31	106
TOTALS	393	26718	50	220

1998

UNIT	Lightning Cause	Lightning Acres	Human Caused	Human Acres
BLM	12	1672	2	0
MVP	17	2	0	0
SJF	53	1198	11	45
SUA	44	28	19	70
UMA	25	144	56	191
TOTALS	151	3044	88	306

2001

UNIT	Lightning Cause	Lightning Acres	Human Caused	Human Acres
SJD	10	51	0	0
MVP	17	5	0	0
SJF	56	81	6	100
SUA	39	110	4	204
UMA	49	32	10	39
TOTALS	171	279	20	343

1999

UNIT	Lightning Cause	Lightning Acres	Human Caused	Human Acres
BLM	8	1	0	0
MVP	11	3	1	0
SJF	17	8	13	5
SUA	23	180	5	8
UMA	23	10	35	23
TOTALS	82	202	54	36

5 Year Average (1997-2001)

UNIT	Lightning Cause	Lightning Acres	Human Caused	Human Acres
BLM	13	621	1	0
MVP	16	4144	1	0
SJF	64	294	10	37
SUA	48	177	7	73
UMA	35	830	37	170
TOTALS	178	6065	55	280

LOCAL AVIATION INFORMATION

DURANGO AREA HELICOPTERS

The three contract helicopters we have within the DRC Area were very busy throughout the season, As were the two New Air CWN helicopters who helped support fire suppression activity.

<u>Home Unit</u>	<u>TAIL #</u>	<u>Hours Flown</u>	<u>Passengers Delivered</u>	<u>Water Delivered</u>	<u>Cargo Delivered</u>
CO-MVP	613 (T3)	228	640	36,720	40,680
CO-UMA	474PC (T3)	190	unknown		
CO-SJF	97HJ (T2)	239	1,880	307,103	142,155

Number of Missions

New Air -CWN	81EA	17
New Air -CWN	54K	3

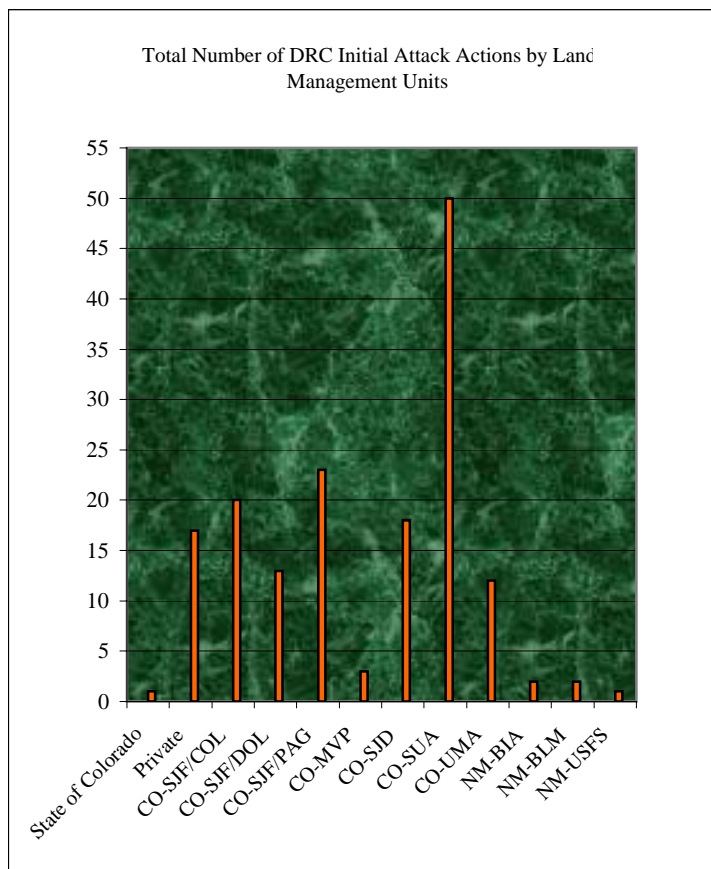
DURANGO AIRTANKER BASE

The Durango Airtanker Reload Base broke ground this year on their new permanent Airtanker Base Facility. The Airtanker contract has already been awarded for the base. Beginning May 12, 2002 through August 29, 2002, there will be a P-3 from Aero Union assigned to the Durango Airtanker Base.

Number of Missions
68 loads / 12 fires

Gallons of Retardant Pumped
161,326 gallons

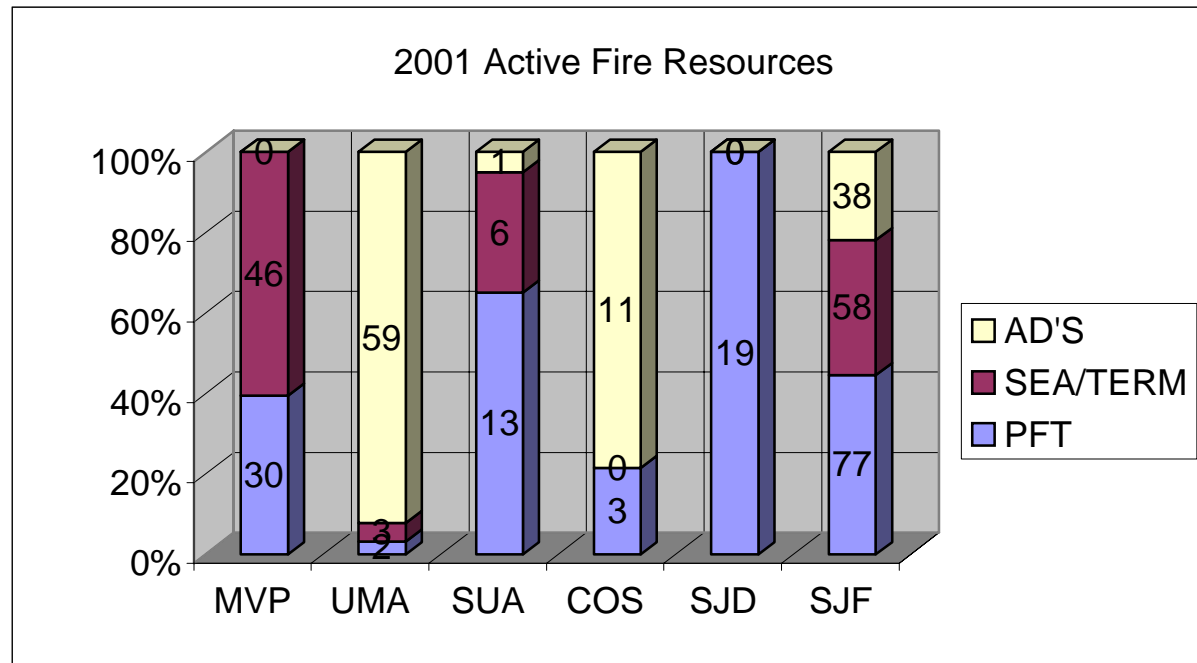
Summary of DRC Incident Action Records for Fire Season 2001



Total Number of Initial Action Records **179**
Number of False Alarms **17**
*** Total Number of Initial Attack Actions** **162**

Unit	# of Fires	# of acres
State of Colorado	1	0.1
Private	17	9.3
CO-SJF/COL	20	111.3
CO-SJF/DOL	13	282.75
CO-SJF/PAG	23	3.95
CO-MVP	3	1180
CO-SJD	18	11.15
CO-SUA	50	336.56
CO-UMA	12	31.2
NM-BIA	2	0.25
NM-BLM	2	0.2
NM-USFS	1	0.1
	162	1966.86

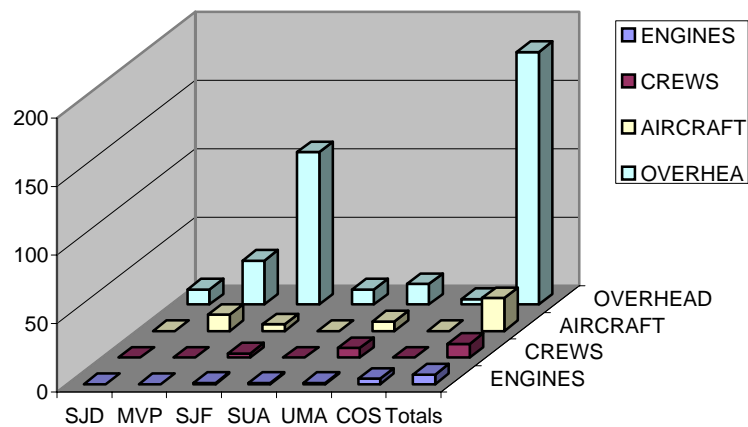
* This table only shows initial attack response actions in which DRC was involved.



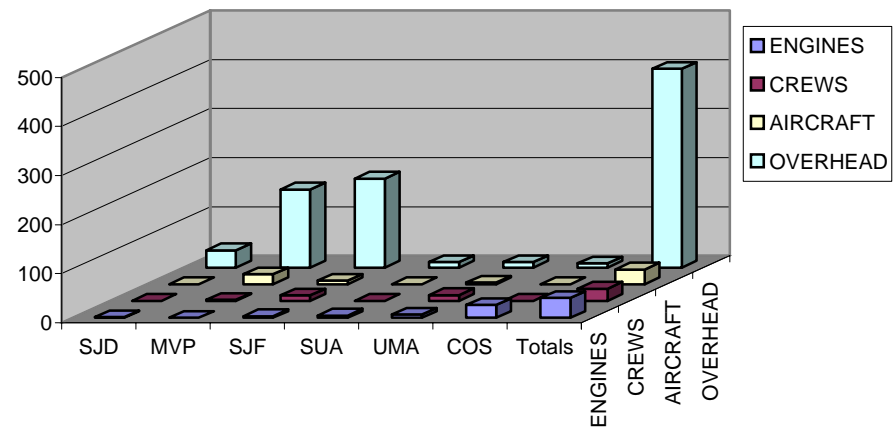
The DRC area has approximately 366 interagency redcarded individuals to draw from for fire assignments.

Out of these, approximately 87 percent actively participate in fire.

DRC Area Resources Dispatched in 2001



DRC Area Resources Dispatched in 2000



In 2001, Durango Dispatch Center mobilized 331 interagency DRC area resources through the resource order process, for a total of 642 DRC area personnel.

Durango Dispatch Center mobilized 170 external interagency resources through the resource order process into the DRC area in 2001, for a total of 888 personnel.

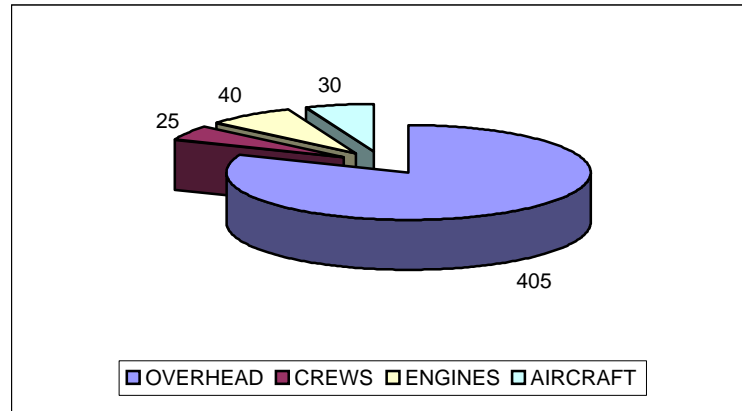
(These Figures do not include initial attack mobilizations.)

2000 DRC Area Resource Dispatches

(via resource orders only)

Unit	ENGINES	CREWS	AIRCRAFT	OVERHEAD
SJD	1	0	0	35
MVP	0	2	20	159
SJF	3	11	7	181
SUA	4	0	0	11
UMA	6	12	3	11
COS	26	0	0	8
Totals	40	25	30	405

* 1,160 total DRC people dispatched

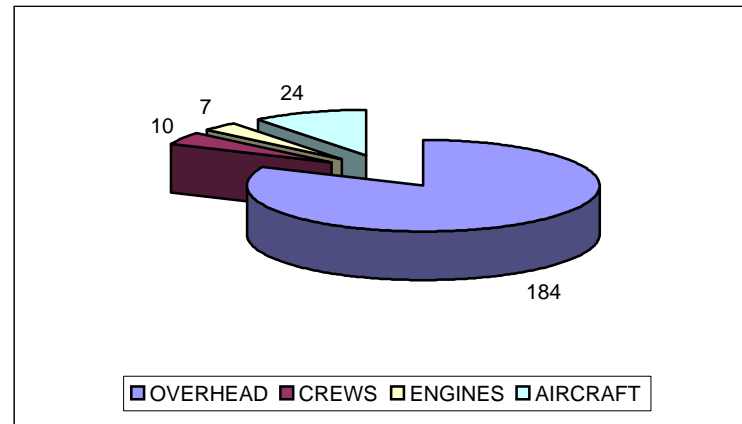


2001 DRC Area Resource Dispatches

(via resource orders only)

Unit	ENGINES	CREWS	AIRCRAFT	OVERHEAD
SJD	0	0	0	11
MVP	0	0	12	32
SJF	1	3	5	111
SUA	1	0	0	11
UMA	1	7	7	15
COS	4	0	0	4
Totals	7	10	24	184

* 525 total DRC people dispatched



DURANGO INTERAGENCY DISPATCH CENTER RESOURCE INFORMATION

	2000			
	OVERHEAD	CREWS	ENGINES	AIRCRAFT
NIC > DR	374	92	59	96
RMC > DR	320	71	67	45
DRC > DR	336	9	31	49
Total:	1030	172	157	190
DRC > DR	336	9	31	49
DRC > RM	88	21	7	2
DRC > NIC	89	0	6	2
Total:	513	30	44	53

	2001			
	OVERHEAD	CREWS	ENGINES	AIRCRAFT
NIC > DR	60	29	5	32
RMC > DR	20	13	2	9
DRC > DR	125	9	29	23
Total:	205	51	36	64
DRC > DR	125	9	29	23
DRC > RM	32	2	2	8
DRC > NIC	81	2	14	4
Total:	238	13	45	35

